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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Nick Holt and Steve Thomas (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), having post office addresses of 432 West McGraw Place, Seattle, Washington 98119, and 11120 159th Avenue Northeast, Redmond, Washington 98052, respectively, are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CUSTOMIZING FORMS IN AN ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM," as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on November 30, 1990 and assigned Serial No. 07/621,444.

WHEREAS, Microsoft Corporation (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of Delaware having a place of business at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052-6399, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar ($1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner

of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNORS agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters patent on said invention, for litigation regarding letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

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Date   1/23/91

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Nick Holt

State of _Washington_)
County of _King_) ss.

    I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Nick Holt signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated _January 23, 1991_
Signature of
Notary Public _Stephen G. Allen_
My appointment expires _11/1/93_

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Date   1/23/91

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Steve Thomas

State of _Washington_)
County of _King_) ss.

    I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Steve Thomas signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated _January 23, 1991_
Signature of
Notary Public _Stephen G. Allen_
My appointment expires _11/1/93_

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